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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an hydraulic binder based coating formulation for coating a building product comprising adding to said binder a ~~quantity of dewatering agent, said dewatering agent comprising fly ash of a larger size fraction and a smaller size fraction,~~ such that after application of a slurry of said formulation to said building product, said slurry can be dewatered through the building product.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the dewatering agent is provided in a sufficient quantity to maintain porosity in the slurry and the product to be coated during dewatering.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the dewatering agent is a particulate material.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the dewatering agent is selected from ~~fly ash~~, alumina trihydrate, silica flour, cenospheres or mixtures thereof.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the slurry has a water content of up to 50%.

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the coating includes fibres.

7. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the hydraulic binder used in the coating is selected from the group consisting of white, grey or pigmented cements, hydraulic limes or mixtures thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the cements used in the coating are selected from the group consisting of Portland cement, blended cements, blast furnace slag, ~~pozzalans~~pozzolans, masonry cement, oil well cement, natural cement, alumina cement, expansive cements of mixtures thereof.

9. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the binder in the formulation is between 10 and 50 wt.% based on total dry ingredients.

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12. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the dewatering agent includes a coarse fraction fly ash having a particle size diameter greater than 100 microns.

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